

REMARKS

The Non-Final Office Action dated May 3, 2007 has been reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 13, 19, 25, and 57 have been amended. Claims 6-8, 12, 18, and 27-48 have been canceled. New claims 59-66 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-5, 9-11, 13-17, 19-26, and 49-66 are pending.

Allowable subject matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner indicates that claims 12, 19, 20, 25, 26, 57 and 58 are allowable.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended as suggested by the Office Action. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1-11, 13-18, 21-24, 35, 36, and 43-56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over De Meno (U.S. Patent No. 6,721,767) in view of Duparcmeur (U.S. Patent No. 6,633,869). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner indicates that claims 12, 19, 20, 25, 26, 57 and 58 are allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 12, claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 18 and claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 24. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims

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1, 19, and 25 are allowable. Claims 6-8, 12, 18, 35, 36 and 43-48 have been canceled. Claims 2-5, 9-11, 13-17, 21-24, and 49-56 depend from claim 1, 19, or 25 and are allowable for at least the reasons set forth above for claims 1, 19, and/or 25. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

New claims 59-66 depend from claim 19 and are allowable for at least the reasons set forth above for claim 19.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendment and remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above Application is requested. Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully requests that the pending claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0463.

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